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THIRD YEAR.—R. W. Patty, R. D. Black, R. H. Guthrie.

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II. Conference Directory.

I. MEMBERS.

NAMES.	When Admitted.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY AND STATE.
JOHN ALLEY,*			
Robert O. Ayers,		Clinton,	Anderson, Tenn.
Jonathan N. Baker,	1867	Riceville,	McMinn, "
W. B. Ballenger,	1870	Cleveland,	Bradley, "
Rufus D. Black,		Cleveland,	Bradley, "
Lemuel Bogart,	1866		
Thomas W. Brown,	1868	Athens,	McMinn, Tenn.
M. H. B. Burkett,†		Cleveland,	Bradley, "
Hilton H. Burke,	1867	Erie,	Loudon, "
J. L. Cardwell,			
Daniel Carter,			
Phillip L. Chambers	1865	Murphy,	North Carolina.
Nelson E. Cobleigh,	1844	Athens,	McMinn, Tenn.
Geo. W. Coleman,	1858	Kingston,	Roane, "
Wm. C. Daily,		Cleveland,	Bradley, "
Jas. M. Durham,	1867	Elizabethton,	Carter, "
W. H. H. DUGGAN,*	1846		
A. F. English,†			
Frank M. Fanning,	1837	Avery's Creek,	North Corolina.
Jas. B. Fitzgerald,†		Greeneville,	Greene, Tenn.
John B. Ford,		Knoxville,	Knox, "
John Forrester,	1861		
ISAAC FORTNER,*			
G. A. Gowin,		Chattanooga,	Hamilton, Tenn.
Wm. C. Graves,		Morristown,	Tennessee.
Andrew J. Greer,		Tazewell,	Claiborne, Tenn.
Samuel Greer,		Jamestown,	Tennessee.
Robert H. Guthrie,	1850	Harrison,	Tennessee.
James M. Hall,†			
Spencer Henry,	1868	Maryville,	Blount, Tenn.
Jno. N. S. Huffaker,			
John R. Hughes,	1867	Greeneville,	Greene, Tenn.
Jesse A. Hyden,		Athens,	McMinn, "
Samuel W. Hyden,			
John H. Jennings,	1868	Russellville,	Tennessee.
George Julian,	1867	Cleveland,	Bradley, Tenn.
Wm. Kinsland,			

* Names printed in SMALL CAPITALS are Superannuates.
† Names printed in *Italics* are Supernumeraries.

NAMES.	When Admitted.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY AND STATE.
James D. Lawson,†	1868		
Daniel B. Lawton,†	1836	Knoxville,	Knox, Tenn.
JOHN LEACH,*			
Joshua B. Little,	1852	Knoxville,	Knox, Tenn.
Edwin M. Lockwood	1869	Knoxville,	" "
W. R. Long,	1844	Asheville,	North Carolina.
John Mahoney,	1861		
John W. Mann,	1857	Athens,	McMinn, Tenn.
Jonathan L. Mann,	1860	Jonesboro',	Tennessee.
John J. Manker,	1866	Athens,	McMinn, Tenn.
James H. McGriff,	1868	Thorn Grove,	Knox, "
Joseph Milburn,	1854	Milburton,	Tennessee.
Joseph P. Milburn,	1861	Johnson City,	Tennessee.
John N. Moore,	1865	Athens,	McMinn, Tenn.
Milton H. Nichols,	1868	Knoxville,	Knox, "
Raphael W. Patty,		Morristown,	Tennessee.
Joseph W. Peace,†		Smith's ⋊ R'ds	Washington, Tenn.
THOS. H. PEARNE,*		Kingston,	Jamaica.
John S. Petty,	1866	Athens,	McMinn, Tenn.
Henry Pyle,	1867	Loy's ⋊ Roads,	Tennessee.
Patrick H. Reed,		Maryville,	Blount, Tenn.
Wm. H. Rogers,	1832	Louisville,	Blount, "
Thos. H. Russell,		Kingston,	Roane, "
James A. Ruble,	1866	Greeneville,	Greene, "
Thos. P. Rutherford	1861		
A. F. Shannon,	1845	Harrison,	Hamilton, Tenn.
Moses Seaton,	1857	Rheatown,	Greene, "
W. D. Smith,		Jasper,	Tennessee.
John F. Spence,		Knoxville,	Knox, Tenn.
John N. Stamper,		Campbell's St'n	Knox, "
Elijah Still,	1831	Cleveland,	Bradley, "
John G. Trull,†	1866		
Thomas S. Walker,	1861	Fall Branch,	Tennessee.
Benjamin F. Wells,	1839	Henderson,	North Carolina.
Thomas R. West,	1866		
Rufus M. Witt,	1869	Marion,	McDowell, N. C.
Francis S. Wolfe,	1850	Chattanooga,	Tennessee.
John F. Woodfin,		Boylston,	Henderson, N. C.
J. T. Woodhead,		Ducktown,	Polk, Tenn.
Absalom B. Wright,	1867	Travisville,	Tennessee.

Colored Members:

William Bluford,	1869		
Jeremiah Gudger,	1868	Greeneville,	Greene, Tenn.
Harrison Huston,	1868	Knoxville,	Knox, "
Charles K. Mays,	1867	Morristown,	Tennessee.
Samuel Patterson,	1868	Russellville,	Tennessee.
John C. Tate,	1868	Clinton,	Anderson, Tenn.

II. PROBATIONERS.

Second Year.

NAMES.	When Admitted.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY AND STATE.
Daniel Battin,		Taylorsville,	Tennessee.
Elbert B. Clark,		Tazewell,	Tennessee.
Thomas R. Clark,	1867	Crossville,	Tennessee.
Wesley Harkins,			
Albert G. Watkins,		Mossy Creek,	Tennessee.

First Year.

Stephen Armstrong.			
Marion Bell,			
John B. Brooks,			
Robert Clark,			
Wanser P. Fair,		Cany Branch,	Tennessee.
Wm. H. Harrison,			
Aaron P. Melton,		Chattanooga,	Tennessee.
Jacob Mann,			
Louis Neil,			
Ralf Pierce,		New Market,	Tennessee.
James B. Seaton,		Maryville,	Blount, Tenn.
Clem. Shaw,			
James Yarnell,		Cleveland,	Bradley, Tenn.

III. DECEASED MEMBERS.

NAME.	BORN.	ADMITTED.	DIED.
Willis Ingle,	1798.	1838.	Oct. 29, 1867.
David Fleming,	May 4, 1779.	1824.	Aug. 28, 1868.
James Cumming,	Oct. 26, 1787	1820	June 29, 1869
Wm. A. Marshall,	1819.	1869.	Sept. 29, 1871.

IV. LOCAL PREACHERS.

NAME.	ORDER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY AND STATE.
David W. Beaver,		Sewee,	Meigs, Tennessee.
John Buttram,		Mouse Creek,	McMinn, "
Jos. R. Burchfield,	Elder,	Dandridge,	Jefferson, "
John Burchfield,		Dandridge,	Jefferson, "
Samuel N. Bell,		Haysville,	Clay, North Carolina.
John Boyington,	Deacon,	Knoxville,	Knox, Tennessee.
Absalom Brown,		Bersheba,	Grundy, "

NAMES.	ORDER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY AND STATE.
Martin V. Barnett,		Flat Gap,	Jefferson, Tennessee.
Benj. Bryant,			
John Cassada,		Erie,	Loudon, "
John Cox,	Elder,	Dandridge,	Jefferson, "
Giles W. Caton,		Sevierville,	Sevier, "
Isaac Clark,	Elder,	Pigeon River,	Haywood, N. C.
Andrew F. Coine,		Fall Branch,	Washington, Tenn.
C. P. Card,		Soddy,	Hamilton, "
Wm. Clark,		Red Clay,	Georgia.
Robert Dykes,		Bersheba,	Grundy, Tennessee.
Taylor Duggan,		Bersheba,	Grundy, "
Azariah Dalton,		Thorn Hill,	Grainger, "
Wm. De Pew,		Jonesborough,	Washington, "
Thos. W. Davis,		Waynesville,	Haywood, N. C.
John Duggan,		Bersheba,	Grundy, Tennessee.
John Evans,		Haysville,	Haywood, N. C.
J. T. Evans,	Deacon,	Pigeon River,	Haywood, "
Peter W. Emmert,	"	Elizabethton,	Carter, Tennessee.
John L. Fowler,	Elder,	Scarbrough,	Anderson, "
W. I. Gillett,		Crossville,	Tennessee.
Gilbert Green,			
W. W. Hall,		Pigeon River,	Haywood, N. C.
W. L. Humphrey,		Smith's ✕ R'ds,	Rhea, Tennessee.
Hugh I. Henry,		Gamble's Store,	Blount, "
Pleasant H. Henry,		Gamble's Store,	Blount, "
Dutton Hood,		Fall Branch,	Washington, Tenn.
A. P. Hart,		Elizabethton,	Carter, "
David P. Hunt,		Johnson City,	Washington, "
James Humphur,		Hembreeville,	Washington, "
Thos. D. Harding,		Well Spring,	Campbell, "
Andrew C. Hunter,	Elder,	Ducktown,	Polk, "
Doc. Haney,			
E. R. Israel,		Avery's Creek,	Buncombe, N. C.
H. B. Jones,	Deacon,	Oliver,	Anderson, Tenn.
Henry Jones,		Camp Creek,	Greene, "
James Jory,	Deacon,	Ducktown,	Polk, "
Isham Julian,	"	Chatata,	Bradley, "
Francis Kirby,		Scarbrough,	Anderson, "
James H. Lowery,		Riceville,	McMinn, "
James H. Ledford,		Hiwassee,	Toombs, Georgia.
James Little,		Johnson City,	Washington, Tenn.
Charles K. Lewis,		Jasper,	Marion, "
William Loy,		Loy's ✕ Roads,	Union, "
Wm. K. Leeper,	Deacon,	Strawberry Pl's	Jefferson, "
John Melear,		Fall Branch,	Washington, "
A. Murphy,	Elder,	Taylorsville,	Johnson, "
Jacob Mann,	Deacon,		
James Murphy,		Rheatown,	Greene, Tennessee.
John A. Matheson,	Elder,	Haysville,	Clay, Georgia.
Jas. F. I. Marshall,		Hot House,	Fanning, "
John Martin,		Bersheba,	Grundy, Tennessee.
James M. McCart,	Deacon,	Wartburg,	Morgan, "
Henry A. McCart,		Wartburg,	Morgan, "
Wm. M. McLain,		New Market,	Jefferson, "
Thos. J. Matney,		Leesburg,	Washington, Tenn.

NAMES.	ORDER.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY AND STATE.
Wm. I. M. Maskell,		Knoxville,	Knox, "
John H. McNutt,		Henry's X R'ds,	Sevier, "
Milton Nappy,			
Marshall Nelson,		Jonesborough,	Washington, Tenn.
Peter Ogan,	Deacon,	Thorn Hill,	Grainger, "
Joseph W. Peace,	"	Smith's X R'ds,	Hamilton, "
John Pendergress,	"	Soddy,	Hamilton, "
Wm. Payne,		Soddy,	Hamilton, "
John Parker,	Deacon,	Thorn Grove,	Grainger, "
Andrew Parker		Thorn Grove,	Grainger, "
Thomas Pannel,		Beaver Creek,	Jefferson, "
Robert Ramsey,		Jamestown,	Fentress, "
F. E. Rusley,		Avery's Creek,	Buncombe, N. C.
John S. Snodgrass,		Happy Valley,	Carter, Tennessee.
Jacob Sharp,	Deacon,	New Market,	Jefferson, "
Jesse Shipley,		Sail Creek,	Hamilton, "
Asa Stamper,	Elder,	Cleveland,	Bradley, "
Stephen Sharitts,		Athens,	McMinn, "
Alfred Suffrage,		Hayne's,	Union, "
Willett G. Sherman		Thorn Grove,	Grainger, "
Albert J. Tipton,		Elizabethton,	Carter, "
N. G. Taylor,	Elder,	Athens,	McMinn, "
Samuel M. Tate,		Jasper,	Marion, "
John Thomas,		Jasper,	Marion, "
James H. Tuder,		Robertsville,	Anderson, "
D. A. Thompson,		Jonesborough,	Washington, Tenn.
M. S. Thomas,		Cedar Mount'n,	Transylvania, N. C.
John Toy,		New Market,	Jefferson, Tennessee.
Murphy Vaughn,		Ten Mile,	Meigs, "
John B. Walker,		Cherry Grove,	Washington, "
John Woody,		Erie,	Loudon, "
Thomas E. Wright,		Thorn Grove,	Grainger, "
Robert Washam,		Warick X R'ds,	Union, "
Joseph Watt,		Stapleton,	Morgan, "
A. L. Williams,		Wolf Creek,	Scott, "
Wm. Young,		Horse Shoe B'd,	Scott, "

V. BISHOPS OF THE M. E. CHURCH.

NAME.	ENTERED THE MINISTRY.	Date of Entering Ministry.	Elect'd Bishop.	PRESENT RESIDENCE
Thomas Asbury Morris,	Ohio Conference,	1816	1836	Springfield, Ohio.
Edmund Storer Janes,	Philadelphia Conference,	1830	1844	New York.
Levi Scott,	Philadelphia Conference,	1826	1852	Odessa, Delaware.
Matthew Simpson,	Pittsburgh Conference,	1833	1852	Philadelphia.
Osman Cleander Baker,	New Hampshire Conference,	1839	1852	Concord, N. H.
Edward Raymond Ames,	Illinois Conference,	1830	1852	Baltimore.

VI. APPOINTMENTS.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

J. F. SPENCE, P. E.

Knoxville, J. B. Ford.
North Knoxville, M. H. Nichols.
Knox Circuit, E. M. Lockwood.
Campbell Station, J. N. Stamper.
Fincastle, J. B. Little.
Jacksboro', J. B. Seaton.
Clinton, R. O. Ayres
Dandridge and New Market, R. Pierce.
Thorn Grove, J. H. McGriff.
Little River, S. Henry.
Sevierville, S. W. Hyden.

JONESBORO' DISTRICT.

W. C. DAILY, P. E.

Jonesboro', J. L. Mann.
Jonesboro' Circuit, J. P. Milburn.
Taylorsville, D. Battin.
Elizabethton, J. M. Durham.
Fall Branch, T. S. Walker.
Kingsport, to be supplied.
Rheatown, M. Seaton and J. Milburn.
Greeneville, J. A. Ruble.
Greeneville Circ't, J. R. Hughes.
St. Clair, W. Kinsland.

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

J. F. WOODFIN, P. E.

Asheville, W. R. Long.
Bakersville, to be supplied.
Catawba and McDowell, R. M. Witt.
Transylvania and Henderson, B. F. Wells.
Sulphur Springs, F. M. Fanning.
Pigeon River, L. Bogart.
Webster, W. Harkins.
Fort Emory and Murphy, P. L. Chambers.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. A. HYDEN, P. E.

Chattanooga, F. S. Wolf and G. A. Gowin.
Cleveland, J. J. Manker.
Cleveland Circuit, J. N. Moore.
Ducktown, J. T. Woodhead.
Chatata, G. Julian.
Harrison, A. F. Shannon.
Hamilton, W. B. Ballenger.
Washington, E. Still.
Jasper, W. D. Smith.
Pikeville, R. H. Guthrie.
Tracy City, to be supplied.
Spencer, to be supplied.
R. D. Black, Agent of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University and member of Cleveland Quarterly Conference.

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

R. W. PATTY, P. E.

Morristown, J. H. Jennings.
Newport, D. Carter.
Mossy Creek, A. G. Watkins.
Parrottsville, W. H. Harrison.
Rogersville, J. L. Cardwell.
Sneedville, J. D. Brooks.
Rutledge, J. Forrester.
Tazewell, E. B. Clark.
Speedwell, A. J. Greer.
W. C. Graves, Assistant Agent American Bible Society.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

J. W. MANN, P. E.

Athens, to be supplied by N. G. Taylor.
Athens Circuit, J. S. Petty.
Philadelphia, H. H. Burke.
Madisonville, T. W. Brown.
Kingston and London, G. W. Coleman.
Kingston Circuit, T. H. Russell.
Maryville, P. H. Reed.
Wartburg, H. Pyle.
Winters' Gap, S. Greer.
Crossville, T. R. Clark.
Jamestown, A. B. Wright.
Riceville, J. N. Baker.
N. E. Cobleigh, President of the East Tennessee Wes eyan University and member of Athens Quarterly Conference.
J. J. Manker, Professor in East Tenn. Wesleyan University.
W. H. Rogers, Conference Bible Agent.

TENNESSEE RIVER DISTRICT.

J. C. TATE, P. E.

Chattanooga, A. P. Melton.
South Chattanooga, J. Mann.
Harrison, to be supplied.
Sequatchie, to be supplied.
Bledsoe, W. Bluford.
Mt. Harmony, C. Shaw.
Washington, to be supplied.
Calhoun, J. Yarnell.
Knoxville, H. Huston.
Anderson, A. Gadson.
Maryville and Coal Creek, R. Clark and L. Cobb.

HOLSTON DISTRICT.

C. K. MAYS, P. E.

Holston, L. Neil.
Russellville, S. Patterson.
Jefferson, M. Bell.
Clinton, to be supplied.
Claiborne, S. Armstrong.
Hawkins, to be supplied.
Caney Branch, W. P. Fair and J. Gudger.
Nollachucky, to be supplied.
C. W. Parker, transferred to Georgia Conference.
J. R. Eads, transferred to Illinois Conference.

III. Disciplinary Questions.

1. *What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

James B. Seaton, Ralf Pierce, Clem. Shaw, Jacob Mann, Wm. D. Smith, re-admitted on certificate of location.

2. *Who remain on trial?*

Wm. H. Harrison, John B. Brooks, D. Battin, James Yarnell, Robert Clark, A. P. Melton, Marion Bell, Wanser P. Fair, Lewis Neil, Stephen Armstrong, E. B. Clark, Wesley Harkins, Albert G. Watkins, Thomas R. Clark.

3. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

William Bluford, E. M. Lockwood, Samuel Patterson.

4. *Who are the Deacons?*

FIRST CLASS.—R. M. Witt, Thomas W. Brown, J. H. Jennings, J. D. Lawson, Henry Pyle, J. G. Trull, P. L. Chambers, J. C. Tate, Jeremiah Gudger, Charles K. Mays.

SECOND CLASS.—M. H. Nichols, Spencer Henry, George Julian, A. B. Wright.

LOCAL PREACHERS ORDAINED.—J. B. Seaton, Wm. K. Leeper, Jacob Sharp, John Parker, Jos. B. F. Combs, Levi B. Bird, Henry B. Jones, N. T. Haun, John Marshall, J. Q. A. Stephenson, J. P. Matney, Anderson Day, Philip M. Bewley, Wanser P. Fair, Clem. Shaw, Armisted Lewis, Jacob Mann, Anthon Gadson.

5. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

J. N. Baker, J. M. Durham, H. H. Burke, Moses Seaton, J. N. Stamper, J. H. McGriff.

LOCAL PREACHERS ORDAINED.—George M. Hicks, N. G. Taylor, Robert Clark, William Bluford.

6. *Who have located this year?*

T. P. Rutherford, G. C. Andrews.

7. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

M. H. B. Burkett, A. F. English, J. W. Peace, J. D. Lawson, J. G. Trull, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. M. Hall, D. B. Lawton.

8. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

W. H. H. Duggan, John Alley, John Leach, Thomas H. Pearne, Isaac Fortner.

9. *Who have been expelled from the Connection this year?*

None.

10. *Who have withdrawn from the Connection this year?*

William Mitchell.

11. *Are all the Preachers blameless in life and conversation?*

The names of all the members were called in open Conference, and their characters passed.

12. *Who have died this year?*

William A. Marshall.

13. *What is the number of Church Members?*

(See Statistics.)

14. *What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?*

15. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

(See Steward's report.)

16. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

(See list of appointments.)

17. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

At Cleveland—time not given.

IV. Daily Proceedings.

FIRST DAY—Wednesday, October 11, 1871.

The Holston Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Seventh Annual Session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Greeneville, Tennessee, at 9 o'clock this morning, October 11, 1871.

Bishop Scott, in opening the services of the Conference, read the 2d Psalm and a part of the 4th chapter of 2d Corinthians, and announced the 218th hymn, after the singing of which, Rev. R. W. Patty led in prayer. The congregation then, still kneeling, sa ng a part of the 536th hymn, after which Dr. Cobleigh led in prayer.

The Roll of the Conference was then called, fifty-eight members answering to their names.

J. J. Manker was re-elected Secretary, J. A. Ruble and E. M. Lockwood, Assistants; J. S. Petty, Recorder, and R. D. Black, Statician.

On motion, it was agreed that the Conference meet at 9, A.M., and adjourn at 12, M.

The Bar of the Conference was fixed at the farther side of the third windows.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate the usual Standing Committees, and were granted leave to retire for consultation.

The Bishop announced that the Conference is entitled to draw on the chartered fund for $30 00, whereupon an order was made accordingly.

The annual report of the Book Committee and exhibit of the Book Concerns was read and placed on file.

Also circulars from the Tract Society, and from the Mission Rooms were read and referred.

R. D. Black was appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for the Methodist Quarterly Review.

Rev. Mr. Caldwell, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. James Mitchell and Rev. Wm. Milburn, of the Virginia Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Brothers Henry, Burchfield, Jones, Greer, Dalton, Nash, Ramsey, Stuart, Moore, Gudger, Trull and Fitzgerald, delegates to the Electoral Conference of Laymen, were severally introduced and invited to seats within the Bar of the Conference.

The report of the Nominating Committee was received and adopted item by item.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee on Missions.

The Second Question: "*Who remain on trial?*" was then taken up.

W. H. Harrison, John B. Brooks, Adam F. Creswell, James Yarnell, Robert Clark, Aaron P. Melton, Marion Bell, Wanser P. Fair, Lewis Neil and Stephen Armstrong, were severally called, their characters passed, and their relation continued.

The Seventh Question was then taken up: "*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*"

A. F. English and J. W. Peace were severally called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

Gibson C. Andrews was located at his own implied request.

J. N. Baker and J. N. Stamper were, at their own request, returned effective.

The Eighth Question was then taken up: "*Who are the Superannuated or worn-out Preachers?*

W. H. H. Duggan, John Alley, John Leach, A. F. Shannon and Thomas H. Pearne, were severally called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1871.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock.

Religious exercises were conducted by F. M. Fanning, after which the roll was called, sixty-eight members being present.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

On motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The Fourth Question was then taken up: "*Who are the Deacons?*"

J. H. McGriff, M. H. Nichols, Spencer Henry, Rufus M. Witt, Thos. W. Brown, Geo. Julian, Jno. H. Jennings, Jno. C. Tate, Jeremiah Gudger, Henry Pyle, Absalom B. Wright, Chas. K. Mays and P. L. Chambers were severally called, and their characters passed.

Jas. D. Lawson and John G. Trull were, at their own request, each granted a supernumerary relation without appointment, their characters having been previously passed.

The Eight Question was then resumed, under which Isaac Fortner was called, his character passed and his relation continued.

A circular from the Book Agents and Bishops relating to the expenses of Delegates to the General Conference of 1872 was read, and referred to the Presiding Elders.

On motion, to-morrow, the 13th, at 10 o'clock, A. M., was fixed as the time for the election of Delegates to the General Conference.

F. M. Fanning, J. L. Mann and R. D. Black were appointed a

committee to present the fraternal greetings of this body to the Electoral Conference of Laymen to assemble to-morrow.

The Fifth Question was taken up: "*Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

J. N. Baker, J. M. Durham, H. H. Burke and Moses Seaton were severally called and elected, their character having passed.

Samuel Greear, being already an Elder, was called, and his character approved.

W. D. Smith, a Deacon, being duly recommended, was readmitted into the travelling connection on certificate of location.

On motion it was ordered that arrangements be made for the publication of 2,500 copies of the minutes.

The Secretaries were appointed a Committee of Publication, and F. M. Fanning and J. A. Ruble a Committee to raise the necessary funds.

The Question was then taken up, "*Where shall the next Conference be held?*

Cleveland was unanimously chosen.

Jno. F. Spence, Presiding Elder of the Knoxville District, being called and approved, read a very interesting report of his district.

The time was then extended to finish the Fifth Question, which having been resumed, John N. Stamper was called, his character passed, and he elected to Elder's orders.

J. W. Peace, his character having been passed, was continued in second class of Deacons.

The class of the second year was then called, and Elbert B. Clark, Presley E. Johnson, Wesley Hawkins, Albert G. Watkins and Thos. R. Clark continued on trial.

Edwin M. Lockwood, Wm. Bluford and Samuel Patterson were called forward and addressed at considerable length, and with great plainness and power by the Bishop, and afterwards elected to Deacons' orders.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned.

THIRD DAY—Friday, October 13, 1871.

The Conference met at the apppointed hour, and engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by W. H Rogers.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The appeal of J. W. Sherman was presented, and the following named brethren appointed a committee to try the case, viz: W. C. Graves, *Chairman*, D. B. Lawton, Thos. R. West, Thos. S. Walker, Benj. F. Wells, G. A. Gowin, E. Still, Spencer Henry, J. L. Cardwell and J. P. Milburn.

The examination of the character of effective Elders was then taken up.

G. W. Coleman, D. B. Lawton, S. W. Hyden, J. B. Little and R. O. Ayers were severally called and passed.

T. P. Rutherford, having passed, was granted a location at his own request.

When Wm. Mitchell's name was called, the Bishop stated that Brother Mitchell had, by letter, requested the privilege of withdrawing from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church; whereupon it was ordered that he be returned as withdrawn.

John Mahoney, having passed, was granted a supernumerary relation without appointment, it being his own request.

R. W. Patty, having been approved, gave an account of his district.

Wm. Kinsland, D. Carter, Thos. R. West, W. C. Graves, J. L. Cardwell and A. J. Greer were passed.

W. C. Daily was called and passed, and represented his district.

The hour for the election of Delegates to the General Conference having arrived, the Conference proceeded to elect. By vote it was decided that the election be by ballot, and M. H. Nichols and A. J. Greer were appointed tellers, with instructions to retire with one of the Secretaries to count the votes. N. E. Cobleigh and F. M. Fanning were elected on the first ballot, and J. L. Mann on the second.

R. W. Patty and J. A. Hyden were then chosen as reserve delegates.

Rev. C. H. Wiley, Agent of the American Bible Society, was introduced and made some remarks to the Conference, tendering his co-operation in circulating the Holy Scriptures; in response to which J. T. Woodhead volunteered some remarks "with his usual acceptability."

The Eleventh Question was then resumed, and J. L. Mann, J. P. Milburn, T. S. Walker, J. R. Hughes, J. A. Ruble and J. Milburn were severally called and their characters approved.

J. F. Woodfin having been approved, gave an account of his district.

B. F. Wells, F. M. Fanning and L. Bogart were called and passed.

J. W. Mann being called was passed, and then gave an interesting account of his district.

G. A. Gowin, J. S. Petty, W. H. Rogers, W. R. Long, T. H. Russell, J. M. Hall, P. H. Reed, Jno. Forrester, C. W. Parker and N. E. Cobleigh were severally called and passed.

J. A. Hyden having been called and approved, gave an encouraging account of his district.

F. S. Wolfe, J. T. Woodhead, J. J. Manker, R. D. Black, J. N. Moore, R. H. Guthrie and Elijah Still were each called and passed.

H. Huston, of the Hiwassee District, and J. C. Tate, of the Tennessee River District, each gave an account of his work.

Hon. R. R. Butler was introduced to the Conference.

By vote the session was extended.

C. K. Mays, of the Holston District, represented his work.

On motion, it was agreed that when we adjourn it be to meet at 4 o'clock, P. M., to-day.

The name of Harrison Huston was called and his character passed.

Leave of absence was granted to Jno. Forrester and A. F. English.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop Scott in the Chair.

The members of the Electoral Conference of Laymen being present, J. L. Mann, on behalf of the Committee appointed for that purpose, delivered an address extending the fraternal greetings of the Holston Annual Conference to the Electoral Conference of Laymen, which was responded to by Hon. R. R. Butler. Hon. N. G. Taylor led in prayer, after which the benediction was pronounced.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1871.

The Conference met at the usual hour. J. F. Spence conducted the devotions of the Conference.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The Second Question was resumed, when the name of Daniel Battin was called, his character passed and his relation continued.

John A. Logan was discontinued.

The Third Question was resumed, under which Wesley Harkins was called, his character examined and approved, and his relation continued.

On motion, J. B. Fitzgerald, M. H. B. Burkett and J. W. Peace were respectively called, approved and assigned a supernumerary relation without appointment.

The vote assigning A. F. Shannon a supernumerary relation was reconsidered, when he was returned effective.

On motion, J. H. McGriff was elected to Elder's orders.

Rev. Mr. Holtsinger, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mr. Rankin, of the Presbyterian Church, were introduced to the Conference.

The report of the Committee on Education was presented, read, and, after some remarks, was adopted.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint R. D. Black Agent for the East Tennessee Wesleyan University.

The finding of the Court of Appeal in the case of J. W. Sherman, remanding the case for a new trial, was read and placed on file.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals was read and

adopted, and a copy ordered sent to the Committee on Book Concern of the next General Conference.

Resolution requesting transfer of property from Jonesboro' Female College to East Tennessee Wesleyan University, was adopted.

The question of orders for Local Deacons was taken up, and Jas. B. Seaton, Wm. K. Leeper, Jacob Sharp, Jno. Parker, Jos. B. F. Combs, Levi B. Bird, Henry B. Jones and Nathaniel T. Haun, were severally recommended and elected. John Marshall was recommended, but some objections being suggested, the recommendation, by permission, was withdrawn.

The question of orders for Local Elders was taken up, and Geo. M. Hicks, being duly recommended, was elected.

On motion, it was agreed that when the Conference adjourn, it be to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Committee on Temperance presented their report, which was read and recommitted.

The memoir of Rev. Wm. A. Marshall, deceased, was read and adopted, and F. M. Fanning appointed to preach the funeral of the deceased at the next session of the Conference.

J. R. Eads, Chairman of the Committee to attend to and secure the interests of this Conference in the Jonesboro' Female College, having been tranferred to another Conference, James A. Ruble was appointed in his stead.

After announcements the Conference adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. Dr. Cobleigh in the chair.

George W. Coleman conducted the devotions, after which the minutes were read and approved.

W. H. Rogers read the report of the Committee on Bible Cause, recommending that our beloved Brother, W. H. Rogers, be appointed Conference Bible Agent.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was again presented, which, after some amendments, was adopted.

Rev. J. A. Ruble, Treasurer of the Conference Bible Society, read his report, which, on motion, was referred to the Society.

The Auditing Committee read their report, which was adopted.

It being stated that H. Huston has in his hands $30, appropriated to Bledsoe Colored Charge, but not applied, as the preacher originally appointed to that work did not serve, but that the work was attended to by a supply. It was ordered that the money be paid to the person who did the work.

The report of the Treasurer of the Sunday School Society was read and approved.

The report of the Treasurer of the Tract Society was read and adopted.

On motion, the case of John Marshall, a candidate for Local Deacon's orders, was reconsidered and he was elected.

John Q. A. Stephenson, Jas. P. Matney, Wanser P. Fair, Clem. Shaw, Armisted Lewis, Jacob Mann and Anthem Gadson, were also elected.

The question of orders for Local Elders was taken up, when Nathaniel G. Taylor, Robert Clark and Wm. Bluford were elected.

The Steward's report was read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read and laid on the table, but after some remarks by the Bishop, was taken up and adopted.

Several resolutions were read and adopted, and the committees of examination appointed.

The report on statistics was read and approved.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint W. C. Graves as Assistant Agent American Bible Society.

On motion, it was agreed that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 7 o'clock on Monday morning.

After some announcements Conference adjourned.

FIFTH DAY—Monday, October 16, 1871.

Conference met at 7 o'clock, A.M.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Cobleigh.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The First Question was taken up, when J. B. Seaton, Ralf Pierce, Clem. Shaw and Jacob Mann were admitted.

T. J. Crofts and Wm. Young, recommended, were not admitted.

Thomas R. West was granted a supernumerary relation without appointment.

Rev. J. Milburn reported two dollars ($2 00) for fifth collection, which, on motion, was ordered to be paid to Rev. Isaac Fortner.

On motion, Adam F. Creswell and Presley E. Johnson were discontinued, and the Secretary directed to certify that it was not on account of charges or unacceptability.

Rev. D. B. Lawton was granted a supernumerary relation without appointment.

On motion, J. F. Spence, J. W. Mann, J. A. Ruble and G. W. Coleman were elected Conference Trustees.

J. L. Mann, R. D. Black and J. A. Ruble were appointed a committee to settle our interest in the Jonesboro' Female College.

Certain resolutions of thanks were adopted and ordered published in the Greeneville papers.

J. M. Hall was granted a supernumerary relation without appointment.

The report of the Conference Church Extension Board was read and adopted.

On motion, the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to nominate Standing Committees for next Conference year.

F. S. Wolfe was appointed Secretary of Conference Missionary Society.

The Bishop then read the appointments, after which Rev. Dr. Mitchell led in prayer, and Conference adjourned.

V. Religious and Anniversary Exercises.

In connection with the Conference, Religious and Anniversary Exercises were observed, as follows:

Prayer Meeting for Holiness was held at 8 o'clock each morning, except Sabbath.

Rev. G. W. Coleman preached at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening before the opening of Conference.

On Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Rev. P. H. Reed preached a logical and interesting sermon on the Resurrection.

On Wednesday evening, Rev. R. W. Patty preached to the delight and edification of a large congregation.

Rev. Thomas H. Russell preached on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The anniversary exercises of the Conference Church Extension Society were held on Thursday evening. The church was densely crowded. Appropriate and able addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Mitchell, of the Virginia Conference, Rev. Dr. B. St. James Fry, of St. Louis, and Rev. N. E. Cobleigh, of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University. At the close of the exercises a liberal collection was taken up.

On Friday evening, the 13th, the anniversary of the Conference Missionary Society was held. The speakers were Rev. Dr. Mitchell, Hon. N. G. Taylor and Rev. Dr. Cobleigh. At the close a collection of one hundred and fifty dollars was taken up to meet the special call made on the Conference by the Parent Society.

The anniversary of the Conference Education Society occurred on Saturday evening. A large audience was in attendance, which was addressed by Rev. J. J. Manker, Hon. N. G. Taylor and Rev. N. E. Cobleigh.

On Sabbath, Rev. Dr. Fry preached in the Methodist Episcopal Church at 10½, A.M., after which Bishop Scott ordained a class of nineteen Deacons.

At 3, P.M., Rev. J. F. Spence preached, and the Bishop ordained the Elders—ten in number.

Rev. N. G. Taylor preached at 7, P.M.

Throughout the day the audiences were large, and the services highly interesting and impressive.

In the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Mitchell preached at 10½, A.M., Rev. F. M. Fanning at 3, P.M., and Rev. J. Albert Hyden at 7, P.M.

At the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the only service of the day was at 10½, A.M., at which time Rev. J. F. Woodfin officiated, to the edification of the people.

The exercises connected with the Conference were said to be, upon the whole, more interesting and profitable than those of any former session.

VI. Certificates of Ordination.

I have this day ordained the following persons to the office of Deacons: Edwin M. Lockwood, James B. Seaton, William K. Leeper, Jacob Sharp, John Parker, Joseph B. F. Combs, Levi B. Bird, Henry B. Jones, Nathaniel T. Haun, John Marshall, John Q. A. Stephenson, James P. Matney, Anderson Day, Philip M. Bewley, Wanser P. Fair, Clem. Shaw, Armisted Lewis, Jacob Mann, Anthem Gadson; and, assisted by five Elders, the following to the office of Elders: Jonathan N. Baker, James M. Durham, Hilton H. Burke, Moses Seaton, John N. Stamper, Geo. M. Hicks, Nathaniel G. Taylor, Jas. H. McGriff, Robert Clark and William Bluford.

L. SCOTT.

GREENEVILLE, TENN., *October* 15, 1871.

VII. Resolutions of Conference.

EXAMINATIONS.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that all the examinations should be attended to on the day preceding the opening of Conference, and that persons failing to attend at the time appointed for examination be continued in the same class for the ensuing year.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.

Resolved, That the Conference request that its funds now invested in the Jonesboro' Female College be transferred and paid to the East Tennes-

see Wesleyan University as soon as practicable, to be used in liquidation of the debt due the Faculty.

BIBLE CAUSE.

Resolved, 1*st*. That we will raise collections on our several charges for the American Bible Society, and that we will co-operate with the Agents of said Society to advance the interests of the Bible Cause.

Resolved, 2*d*, That in order to meet this great destitution, and the wants of our people generally, it is important that we ask the Conference to appoint our beloved brother, W. H. Rogers, as Agent for our Conference Bible Society.

The following resolutions of last year were re-affirmed:

REPORTS TO BE MADE ON FIRST DAY.

Resolved, That the preachers in charge of stations or circuits be and are hereby instructed to prepare their reports in full as required by the Discipline, and hand them to the respective committees on the first day of the next session of the Conference; and that the Presiding Elders are requested to give their personal attention to the matter, urging promptness upon the ministers of their districts in being prepared as above instructed.

NOTICE TO BE GIVEN OF CHARGES.

Resolved, That no member of this Conference shall bring charges against another member, or attempt to arrest his character, without having given to the accused due notice in writing.

PRESIDING ELDERS TO REPORT THE NAMES OF LOCAL PREACHERS.

Resolved, That each Presiding Elder be required to ascertain the names of all Local Preachers within the bounds of his District who expect to attend the session of Conference for ordination, and report the same to the preachers in charge where the Conference is to meet, long enough before the time of meeting for arrangements to be made for their accommodation.

THANKS.

TO BISHOP SCOTT.

Resolved, That our Presiding Bishop has our most sincere thanks for the marked kindness and efficiency with which he has presided over the deliberations of the Conference.

TO THE PRESIDING ELDER AND PASTOR.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are due to the Presiding

Elder of Jonesboro' District, and to the Pastor of Greeneville Station, for the satisfactory service rendered to the members of the Conference in providing them with homes.

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TO THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That we will ever remember with gratitude the kindness of the Young Men's Christian Association of Greeneville, in tendering us the use of their hall, books, periodicals and stationery.

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TO THE CHURCHES.

Resolved, That we appreciate the favor of the several religious denominations in opening their churches to us for religious worship.

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TO THE CHOIR.

Resolved, That the Choir have our heartfelt thanks for the excellent music with which we have been served.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF GREENEVILLE.

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this Conference are hereby tendered to the citizens of Greeneville and vicinity for their generous hospitality extended to us during our present session.

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TO RAILROADS.

Resolved, That we extend to the officers of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad, and the Knoxville and Charleston Railroad, for reduced fare over their Roads our grateful thanks during the session of Conference.

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TO THE SECRETARIES.

Resolved, That we gratefully acknowledge our obligations to the Secretaries of the Conference for their polite and efficient services.

VIII. Reports.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Of the Holston Conference for the year ending with the close of the session of the Conference held at Greeneville, Tenn., October 11, 1871:

The General Committee of Church Extension requested this Conference to raise for church extension purposes, this year, the sum of $500 00. At an early period this was distributed, for collection, among the several districts and pastoral charges. The following will show amounts asked and received from each:

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

	AMOUNT ASKED FOR.	AMOUNT RECEIVED.
From the District, J. F. Spence, P. E.,	$100 00	
Knoxville, J. R. Eads,		$14 00
Clinton Circuit, R. O. Ayers,		2 00
Strawberry Plains Circuit, Spencer Henry,		1 00
Total,		17 00

ATHENS DISTRICT.

From the District, J. W. Mann, P. E.,	100 00	
Athens, N. E. Cobleigh,		20 00
Athens Circuit, J. S. Petty,		1 00
Kingston, H. H. Burke,		3 00
Maryville, P H. Reed,		3 00
Winter's Gap,		1 00
Total,		28 00

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

From the District, J. A. Hyden, P. E.,	100 00	
Cleveland, J. J. Manker,		5 00
Cleveland Circuit, J. N. Moore,		25
Washington Circuit, Elijah Still,		1 00
Pikeville Circuit, Samuel Greear,		1 50
Jasper Circuit, W. B. Ballenger,		15
Harrison Circuit, T. W. Brown,		1 00
Hamilton Circuit, Geo. Julian,		1 00
Total,		9 90

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

From the District, R. W. Patty, P. E.,	75 00	
Received,		

JONESBORO' DISTRICT.

From the District, W. C. Daily, P. E.,	75 00	
Jonesboro', J. L. Mann,		1 50
Jonesboro', Circuit, J. P. Milburn,		5 00
Rheatown Circuit, Jno. R. Hughes,		10 05
Elizabethton Circuit, J. M. Durham,		2 50
Taylorsville Circuit, E. M. Lockwood,		1 00
Greeneville, J. A. Ruble,		3 00
Total,		23 05

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.

From the District, J. F. Woodfin, P. E.,	50 00	
Burnsville Circuit, Daniel Battin,		1 00
Sulphur Springs Circuit, F. M. Fanning,		2 00
Webster and Franklin, R. M. Witt,		75
Total,		3 75

HIWASSEE DISTRICT.

From the District, H. Huston, P. E.,		
Chattanooga, A. P. Melton,		5 00
Public Collection at Anniversary,		32 95
Aggregate,	$500 00	$119 65

Under the action of the General Committee of Church Extension, we have been at liberty to recommend the appropriation of $—— within the bounds of the Conference. Applications, in accordance with the forms required by the discipline, have been made as follows:

	DONATION.	LOAN.
From Cleveland, Chattanooga District,		$500 00
From Chattanooga, " "		800 00
From North Knoxville, Knoxville Dist.,	$1,000 00	

Of these, after careful examination, we have recommended the following:

	DONATION.	LOAN.
Cleveland, Chattanooga District,		$500 00
Chattanooga, " "		800 00
North Knoxville, Knoxville District,	$1,000 00	

The Annual Report of the Parent Society will show the final disposition made of each.

Deeply impressed with the magnitude and importance of this department of our church work, we earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of the Conference in bringing its claims before all our our people.

Respectfully submitted,

By order of the Board,

J. F. SPENCE, *President.*

J. J. MANKER, *Secretary, pro. tem.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Knoxville Station, J. R. Eads,	$50 35	
North Knoxville, G. W. Coleman,	3 00	
Knox Circuit, D. B. Lawton,	2 50	
Campbell Station Circuit,	10 00	
Jacksboro', J. B. Little,	25 00	
Clinton, R. O. Ayers,	26 00	
Dandridge and New Market, T. P. Rutherford,	8 05	
Strawberry Plains, S. Henry,	5 00	
Little River, J. D. Lawson,		
Sevierville, J. B. Seaton,	5 30	
Gravestown, J. Mahoney	2 60	
		$137 80

MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.

Morristown Circuit, W. Kinsland,	13 00	
Newport, Wm. H. Harrison,	1 45	
Mossy Creek, T. R. West,	1 50	
Parrottsville,		
Rogersville and Russellville, J. H. McGriff,	2 50	
Carter's Valley, J. D. Brooks,	3 00	
Sneedville, W. C. Graves,	1 11	
Rutledge, J. L. Cardwell,	1 50	
Thorn Hill, T. R. Clark,	2 55	
Tazewell, E. B. Clark,	5 65	
Speedwell, A. J. Greer,	2 35	
		34 61
Carried forward,		$172 61

	Brought forward,	$172 61
JONESBORO' DISTRICT.		
Jonesboro' Station, J. L. Mann,	7 35	
Jonesboro' Circuit, J. P. Milburn,	20 00	
Taylorsville, E. M. Lockwood,	5 05	
Elizabethton, J. M. Durham,	15 00	
Fall Branch, T. S. Walker,	14 45	
Kingsport, J. Melear,	18 00	
Rheatown, J. R. Hughes,	75 00	
Greeneville Station, J. A. Ruble,	25 00	
Greeneville, Circuit, J. Milburn,	2 00	
St. Clear, M. Seaton,	12 00	
		193 85
ASHEVILLE DISTRICT.		
Asheville Circuit, J. G. Trull,	6 00	
Burnsville, D. Battin,	6 35	
Catawba, W. Harkins,	1 25	
Transylvania and Henderson, B. F. Wells,	7 00	
Sulphur Springs, F. M. Fanning,	27 00	
Waynesville, L. Bogart,	22 00	
Webster, R. M. Witt,	2 00	
Fort Emory and Murphy, W. A. Marshall,		
Buncombe, T. J. Dawson,	4 00	
		75 50
ATHENS DISTRICT.		
Athens Station, G. A. Gowin,	70 00	
Athens Circuit, J. S. Petty,	20 00	
Philadelphia, H. H. Burke,	2 00	
Madisonville, W. R. Long,	50	
Kingston and Loudon, T. H. Russell,	20 00	
Kingston Circuit, J. M. Hall,	12 00	
Maryville, P. H. Reed,	10 00	
Montgomery, A. B. Wright,	12 00	
Winter's Gap, J. Forrester,	4 30	
Crossville, P. L. Chambers,		
Jamestown, H. Pyle,	2 00	
		152 80
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.		
Chattanooga Station, F. S. Wolfe,	5 50	
Cleveland Station, J. J. Manker,	20 00	
Cleveland Circuit, J. N. Moore,	5 00	
		30 00
	Carried forward,	$624 76

	Brought forward,	$624 76
Ducktown, M. H. Nichols,	18 50	
Chatata, J. H. Jennings,	6 00	
Harrison, T. W. Brown,	5 00	
Hamilton, G. Julian,	20 00	
Washington, E. Still,	10 00	
Jasper, W. B. Ballenger,	3 00	
Pikeville, S. Greer,	13 00	
Tracy City, A. J. Cresswell,	6 00	
		112 80

HIWASSEE DISTRICT.

Chattanooga Station, A. P. Melton,	10 00	
Harrison, W. Bluford,	5 00	
Sequatchie, R. Clark,		
Bledsoe, J. A. Logan,		
Washington, J. Mann,		
Calhoun, J. Yarnell,	1 00	
		16 00

TENNESSEE RIVER DISTRICT.

Knoxville,		
Maryville,		
Fincastle,		
Anderson,	1 35	
		1 35

HOLSTON DISTRICT.

Holston Circuit, L. Neil,		
Russellville, M. Bell,	2 85	
Jefferson, S. Patterson,		
Clifton,		
Claiborne, S. Armstrong,		
Hawkins,		
Greene, J. Gudger,		
Nollachucky,		
French Broad,		
		2 85
Total,		$727 56

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. W. PATTY, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE COLLECTIONS FOR THE EAST TENN. WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Cleveland Station, J. J. Manker,	15 00	
Ducktown Station, M. H. Nichols,	8 00	
		$23 00

JONESBORO' DISTRICT.

Jonesboro' District, W. C. Daily, P. E.,	10 00	
Jonesboro' Station, J. L. Mann,	6 00	
Greeneville Station, J. A. Ruble,	17 00	
Elizabethton Circuit, J. M. Durham,	7 00	
Rheatown Circuit, J. R. Hughes,	11 00	
St. Clair Circuit, M. Seaton,	1 80	
Jonesboro' Circuit, J. P. Williams,	3 50	
Kingsport Circuit, J. Melear,	3 30	
Fall Branch Circuit, T. S. Walker,	7 05	
Greeneville Circuit, J. Milburn,	85	
		67 50

ATHENS DISTRICT.

Athens Circuit, J. S. Petty,	3 00	
		3 00

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Sevierville Circuit, J. B. Seaton,	2 25	
Campbell's Station Circuit, J. Hinkley,	3 00	
Little River Circuit, J. D. Lawson,	16 00	
Strawberry Plains Circuit, S. Henry,	3 50	
Clinton, Circuit, R. O. Ayres,	13 00	
Jacksboro' Circuit, J. B. Little,	8 50	
Knoxville Station, J. R. Eads,	30 00	
		76 25
Total,		$169 75

STEWARD'S REPORT.

CHARGE.	PREACHER'S NAME.	CLAIM.	RECEIPT.	DEFICIT.	5TH COL'N.
Jonesboro' Dist.,	W. C. Daily, P.E.	$740 00	$575 00	$165 00	
Jonesboro',	J. L. Mann,	640 00	720 00		
" Circuit	J. P. Milburn,	458 00	276 00	182 00	$10 00
Taylorsville "	E. M. Lockwood,	200 00	200 00		
Elizabethton "	J. M. Durham,	333 00	308 00	25 00	
Fall Branch "	T. S. Walker,	440 00	220 00	220 00	75
Kingsport "	John Melear,	400 00	157 00	243 00	2 00
Rheatown "	John R. Hughes,	600 00	400 00	200 00	2 00
Greeneville "	J. A. Ruble,	650 00	650 00		2 00
" "	J. Milburn,	400 00	280 00	120 00	
St. Clair, "	M. Seaton,	350 00	170 00	180 00	6 15
		$5,211 00	$3,956 00	$1,335 00	$22 90
Morristown Dist.,	R. W. Patty, P.E.	$630 00	$390 00	$240 00	
Morristown Circ't,	W. Kinsland,	300 00	165 00	135 00	
Newport "	D. Carter,	250 00	154 00	96 00	
Mossy Creek "	T. R. West,	250 00	112 00	138 00	$1 00
Parrottsville "	J. D. Hixon,	360 00	180 00	180 00	
Rogersville "	J. H. McGriff,	No	report.		
Carter's Valley "	J. D. Brooks,	No	report.		
Sneedville "	W. C. Graves,	300 00	200 00	100 00	
Rutledge "	J. L. Cardwell,	300 00	150 00	150 00	
Thorn Hill "	T. R. Clark,	No	report.		
Tazewell "	E. B. Clark,	300 00	268 00	32 00	
Speedwell "	A. J. Greer,	383 00	260 00	123 00	1 00
		$3,073 00	$1,879 00	$1,194 00	$2 00
Knoxville Dist.,	J. F. Spence, P.E.	$800 00	$992 00	$408 00	
Knoxville Station,	J. R. Eads,				$9 50
N. Knoxville "	G. W. Coleman,	500 00	390 00	110 00	
Knoxville Circuit,	D. B. Lawton,	450 00	283 00	167 00	
Campbell's Stat'n,		No	report.		
Jacksboro' Circuit	J. B. Little,	325 00	230 00	95 00	12 00
Clinton "	R. O. Ayres,	450 00	300 00	150 00	8 00
Dandridge "	T. P. Rutherford,	500 00	273 00	227 00	1 00
Straw. Plains "	S. Hensry,	575 00	200 00	375 00	
Little River "	J. D. Lawson,	400 00	389 00	11 00	
Sevierville "	J. B. Seaton,	300 00	241 00	59 00	
Gravestown "	John Mahoney,				1 60
		$4,300 00	$2,698 00	$1,602 00	$32 10
Athens Dist.,	J. W. Mann, P.E.	$800 00	$380 00	$420 00	
Athens Station,	N. E. Cobleigh,	600 00	418 00	182 00	$3 00
" Circuit,	J. S. Petty,	633 00	500 00	133 00	
Philadelphia "	H. H. Burke,	600 00	280 00	320 00	2 00
Madisonville "	W. R. Long,	500 00	160 00	340 00	25
Kingst'n & Loud'n	T. H. Russell,	500 00	300 09	200 00	1 00
" Circuit,	J. M. Hall,	400 00	244 00	156 00	1 00
Maryville "	P. H. Reed,	600 00	250 00	350 00	3 00
Montgomery "	A. B. Wright,	300 00	140 00	160 00	1 00
Winters' Gap "	J. Forrester,	280 00	149 00	131 00	2 00
Crossville "	P. L. Chambers,	250 00	127 00	123 00	
Jamestown "	H. Pyle,	300 00	140 00	160 00	12 25
Huntsville "		No	report.		
Decatur "	C. W. Parker,	No	report.		
Chatata "	J. H. Jennings,	600 00	296 00	304 00	
		$6,363 00	$3,384 00	$2,979 00	$25 50

CHARGE.	PREACHERS NAME	CLAIM.	RECEIPT.	DEFICIT.	5TH COL'N.
Chattanooga Dist.	J. A. Hyden, P.E.	$1,000 00	$550 00	$450 00	
Chattanooga Sta'n	F. S. Wolfe,	1,000	800 00	200 00	
" City Mis.	J. T. Woodhead,	No	report.		
Cleveland Station,	J. J. Manker,	550 00	257 00	293 00	3 50
" Circuit,	J. N. Moore,	600 00	340 00	260 00	1 00
Ducktown Station,	M. H. Nichols,	500 00	385 00	115 00	1 65
Chatata Circuit,	J. H. Jennings,	600 00	296 00	304 00	
Harrison "	T. W. Brown,	No 00	report.		1 00
Hamilton "	G. Julian,	600 00	164 00	436 00	4 00
Washington "	E. Still,	400 00	111 00	289 00	3 00
Jasper "	W. B. Ballenger,	300 00	130 00	170 00	50
Pikeville "	S. Greer,	No	report.		4 95
Tracy City "	A. F. Creswell,	No	report.		19 00
Spencer "		No	report.		
		$5,550 00	$3,033 00	$2,517 00	$38 60
Asheville Dist.,	J.F.Woodfin,P.E.	$1,100 00	$410 00	$690 00	
Asheville Circuit,	J. G. Trull,	600 00	166 00	434 00	
Burnsville "	D. Battin,	No	report.		
Catawba "	W. Harkins,	400 00	210 00	190 00	
Transylvania"	B. F. Wells,	600 00	165 00	435 00	
Sulphur Springs,	F. M. Fanning,	1,200 00	350 00	850 00	2 00
Waynesville Ct.,	L. Bogart,	300 00	188 00	112 00	
Webster & Fr'k'n,	R M. Witt,	300 00	150 00	150 00	2 00
Fort Emory Circ't	W. A. Marshall,	No	report.		
Buncombe "	T. J. Dawson,	400 00	160 00	240 00	1 00
		$4,900 00	$1,799 00	$3,101 00	$5 00
Hiwassee Dist.,		No	report.		
Calhoun Circuit,	J. Yarnell,	No	report,		25
					25
Holston Dist.,	C. K. Mays, P.E.	$250 00	$125 00	$75 00	
Holst'n &Hawk'ns	L. Neil,	150 00	70 00	80 00	
French Broad Ct.,	W. P. Fair,	150 00	98 00	52 00	
Greene Circuit,	J. Gudger,	150 00	90 00	60 00	
Jeffers'n & Clift'n,	S. Patterson,	150 00	108 00	42 00	
Claiborne Circuit,	S. Armstrong,	50 00	30 00	20 00	
Russellville "	Marion Bell,	10000	63 00	37 00	
		$950	$584 00	$366 00	
Total,		$30,347 00	$17,333 00	$13,0?4 00	$126 35

The collection for Conference claimants was distributed as follows:

W. H. H. Duggan, $40 70, delivered to J. W. Mann, P. E.

Mrs. Willis Ingle, $40 70, delivered to Rev. W. Milburn, of Virginia Conference.

Isaac Fortner, $40 70, delivered to self.

J. B. LITTLE, *Chairman.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Auditing Committee would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the receipts for missionary money disbursed by the Presiding Elders, severally, and find that the various amounts have been distributed according to appropriations, except $30 00 yet in the hands of H. Huston, Presiding Elder of Hiwassee District. The receipts are all correct and satisfactory.

R. H. GUTHRIE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTE ON MISSIONS.

The appropriation to the Holston Conference was $9,000 00, which was distributed as follows:

Knoxville District,	$300 00
Knoxville Station,	250 00
North Knoxville,	300 00
Knox Circuit,	100 00
Campbell Station,	120 00
Clinton,	100 00
Jacksboro',	100 00
Fincastle,	100 00
Thorn Grove,	70 00
Sevierville,	60 00
Total,	$1,500 00

Morristown District,	$300 00
Morristown,	175 00
Parrottsville,	100 00
Newport,	100 00
Mossy Creek,	50 00
Rutledge,	100 00
Rogersville,	125 00
Sneedville,	100 00
Speedwell,	125 00
Tazewell,	125 00
Total,	$1,300 00

Jonesboro' District,	$300 00
Jonesboro' Station,	250 00
Jonesboro' Circuit,	50 00
Greeneville Station,	175 00
Greeneville Circuit,	125 00
St. Clair Circuit,	50 00
Fall Branch,	50 00
Taylorsville,	50 00
Elizabethton,	50 00
Total,	$1,100 00

Asheville District,	$400 00
Pigeon River Circuit,	75 00
Sulphur Springs,	150 00
Asheville Circuit,	150 00
Burnsville,	125 00
Catawba,	125 05
Webster,	125 00
Murphy,	125 00
Henderson,	125 00
Total,	$1,400 00

Athens District,	$300 00
Athens Station,	100 00
Athens Circuit,	100 00
Madisonville,	100 00
Riceville,	80 00
Crossville,	80 00
Jamestown,	80 00
Wartburg,	80 00
Kingston Circuit,	80 00
Winters' Gap,	100 00
Total,	$1,100 00

Chattanooga District,	$300 00
Chattanooga Station,	300 00
Harrison Circuit,	75 00
Tracy City,	50 00
Spencer,	50 00
Pikeville,	125 00
Cleveland Station,	50 00
Cleveland Circuit,	125 00
Chatata,	75 00
Hamilton,	80 00
Washington,	70 00
Jasper,	100 00
Total,	$1,400 00

Tennessee River District,	$205 00
South Chattanooga,	20 00
Harrison,	20 00
Sequatchie,	20 00
Bledsoe,	20 00
Mt. Harmony,	20 00
Washington,	20 00
Calhoun,	20 00
Anderson,	35 00
Coal Creek,	50 00
Knox Station,	270 00
Total,	$700 00

Holston District,	$180 00
Holston Circuit,	40 00
Claiborne,	40 00
Russellville,	40 00
Hawkins,	40 00
Jefferson,	40 00
Clifton,	40 00
Caney Branch,	40 00
Nollachucky,	40 00
Total,	$500 00

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Periodicals, offer the following report:

We have thought upon the subject with anxiety. We are more than ever impressed with the importance of periodical literature, especially that published by our own church.

The minister does a great work for God and the church when circulating our periodicals. A membership unread in the periodicals of our church are unprepared to appreciate the importance of the work of Methodism in the world.

If the ministers of the Holston Conference wish to plant old-fashioned Methodism firmly amid the hills and valleys of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, let them see to it that a copy of some of our *Advocates* or other periodicals is in every household. If this be done, we will have an intelligent and liberal membership. We will then have a strong church in this beautiful land.

We would call the attention of the Conference, first, to the *Methodist Advocate*, published at Atlanta. While this, *our Advocate*, has done much good in our Conference in its present form and under its present management, yet it is not what we desire it to be. We would recommend that it be enlarged and improved so as to compare favorably with our other *Advocates* and the religious papers of other denominations in size and appearance. Let this be done, and then let it be judiciously edited—edited so that while it may be, and should be, entirely loyal to the general Gov-

ernment, it shall, at the same time, be entirely free from partisan politics, and from invidious distinctions between Northern and Southern people, and be free from the practice common with some papers of speaking of North and South; but speak, when it is necessary, of our whole country, one and indivisible. Let us have such a paper as this to put into the hands of our membership, and we will fear no danger. We will then have a power that will assist wonderfully in pushing forward the conquest of ourchurch.

But, in the meantime, let us endeavor to circulate the *Methodist Advocate* as *it is*, and urge the next General Conference to give us such a paper as our wants and necessities demand.

We would next mention the *Ladies' Repository*, *Golden Hours* and *Sunday-school Advocate*, and make *especial reference* to the *Quarterly Review*, all of which are all that we could desire or wish. We recommend that our preachers make every exertion to circulate these periodicals widely in every part of our Conference.

We recommend the passage of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That our delegates to the next General Conference be instructed to use their influence to have a *large* and *ably conducted Advocate* published at Atlanta, or elsewhere, in our Southern work.

G. A. GOWIN, *Chairman*,
T. H. RUSSELL,
A. J. GREER.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

EAST TENNESSEE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

This Institution, your Committee is happy to report, has commenced its fifth collegiate year under more favorable auspices than ever before. The present term opened with a full corps of Teachers on Thursday, August 31. Over one hundred and twenty students have entered up to this date, with a prospect of a considerable increase over that number.

Your Committee is satisfied that the standard of scholarship in the East Tennessee Wesleyan University is as high and as thorough as that of any other institution in the country, and that the general deportment and moral character of the students are equaled by few and excelled by none in this or any other country. The receipts of the past year were nearly equal to current expenses, leaving the present indebtedness about where it was last year.

The current expenses of the present year will be considerably increased over the expenses of last year, including cost of additional teachers and necessary repairs, while the increase from tuition is

not expected to be very much increased. Thirty-five hundred dollars is the utmost that can be expected from tuition and incidentals, which will leave a deficiency on salaries of about $700. To this add $200 for incidental expenses and $1,000 for necessary repairs, and we shall have a probable increase of indebtedness of about $2,000. This, when added to the present debt, will make the total indebtedness at the end of the present collegiate year not far from $4,500. This creates the necessity of appointing an agent and putting him into the field at once, and your committee would therefore recommend that R. D. Black be appointed to this agency.

The Board of trustees at its last session authorized the opening of a Theological Department in the University, to which they directed the President to devote most of his time and attention. There are about a dozen students now receiving instruction in that department. The chief aim of which is to give special and needful training to young men looking forward to the ministry.

A Law Department has also been opened under the sanction of the Executive Committee, and placed under the care and instruction of Hon. N. A. Patterson. Ample provisions are or will be made to meet the wants and necessities of students in any of the above-named departments. We are also happy to announce that Drs. Rust and Hitchcock have proposed to pay the tuition of every needy student studying for the ministry in the East Tennessee Wesleyan University for the present year. Your Committee hope that the members of the Conference will look up and inform all suitable persons of this fact who are called of God to the ministry.

Your Committee recommend the election of the following persons as Trustees of the University for the next three years, the same having been nominated for that office by the Board of Trustees: Wm. M. Sehorn, J. A. Hyden, J. W. Ramsey, G. W. Wheland, J. C. Kimball, G. A. Gowin.

The following persons are also recommended as a Board of Visitors to the University at the next anniversary, which will occur between the 5th and 14th of June, 1872: Revs. R. W. Patty, W. C. Graves, W. C. Daily, F. M. Fanning, J. F. Spence, G. A. Gowin, M. H. Nichols, J. S. Petty, G. W. Coleman, J. M. Hall, J. A. Ruble, E. M. Lockwood, W. H. Rogers, P. H. Reed, J. B. Fitzgerald, F. S. Wolfe, J. B. Little, N. G. Taylor, J. T. Woodhead, S. P. Angel, Hon. N. A. Patterson, A. C. E. Callen, Esq.

On behalf of the Committee.

H. PRESNELL, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee having carefully considered the work assigned them, are impressed with the importance of greater effort on our part in the organization of schools at every available point, and their continuance during the winter as recommended by our Discipline.

We would impress upon the minds of all Sunday-school workers this fact, that the conversion of souls is the one great object of all our labor; if we fail in this particular, our efforts are comparatively futile and vain; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby pledge ourselves to more determined effort in the Sunday School work, and that we will look to the early conversion of the scholars as of the utmost importance.

2. *Resolved*, That as a means of improving the method and spirit of Bible teaching, we commend the holding of Teacher's Meetings in every charge where practicable, and recommend the *Teacher's Journal*, the *Berean Lessons*, and the *Lesson Leaves*, published by the Sunday School Union of our church.

3. *Resolved*, That we commend the books published by our Sunday School Union, as best calculated to promote the interests of our beloved Methodism.

4. *Resolved*, That we highly appreciate the visits and labors of Rev. J. S. Ostrander, the agent of the Sunday School Union in our Southern work.

F. S. WOLFE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS.

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. W. A. Marshall, of the Holston Conference, died in Clay county, North Carolina, within the bounds of the Fort Hembree and Murphy Circuit, on the 29th day of September, 1871.

Brother Marshall was a native of Hawkins county, East Tennessee, and in his fifty-third year. He was licensed to preach in 1855, and entered the itinerancy at the Conference held at Jonesboro', Tennessee, in September, 1869, having been ordained Local Deacon by Bishop Clark in 1865.

He had preached on the last Sabbath but one before he died. He had been sitting up and talking cheerfully a few minutes before his death; but on rising and attempting to reach his bed, fell upon the floor and expired in a few minutes, only having time to say, "I must go."

Brother Marshall had a hard appointment, but did a good work

in spite of all his difficulties and opposers. In a letter to Rev. J. F. Woodfin, his Presiding Elder, just before his death, and in anticipation of not being able to attend Conference, he reported having received thirty-five on probation, forty into full connection, and the baptism of seven adults and forty-two infants.

He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss.

Brother Marshall was a man of decided and strong convictions of right and duty, and when he once adopted a principle or decided upon any certain line of conduct, he was inflexible and unmovable.

He "died in the work—he dropped in the harness," and we confidently expect that he will receive the reward of a worker for Christ in his glorious kingdom.

J. F. WOODFIN,
Chairman of Committee on Memoirs.

IX. Church Extension Society.

OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Office, No. 1,018 *Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.*

OFFICERS:

BISHOP SIMPSON, D. D., *President.*
ALPHA J. KYNETT, D. D., *Corresponding Secretary.*
Rev. C. C. McCABE, (15 Ellis Park, Chicago, Ill.,) *Agent.*
A. H. DeHAVEN, Esq., (No. 40 So. 3d St.,) *Treasurer.*

ORGANIZATION.

The Church Extension Society was organized by direction of the General Conference of 1864, and was incorporated by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, March 13, 1865. On recommendation of the Board of Managers, the Constitution was revised, and the society more closely identified with the church, by the General Conference of 1868. The Charter was revised to correspond by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, March 11, 1869.

The Society embodies:

I. The General Committee of Church Extension—This meets in Philadelphia, in November of each year, and determines for the year ensuing:

1. The amount the church shall be asked to contribute through the regular collections;
2. The amount that may be appropriated by donations and loans; and,
3. The distribution of both collections to be made and appropriations authorized, among the Conferences severally.

Composed of one member from each Episcopal District, acting jointly with the Bishops and Managers, this Committee is well calculated to secure an equitable distribution of the burdens and benefits of the society.

II. The Parent Board of Managers.—This is charged with "the management and disposition of all the affairs and property of the Society." But in making appropriations it must recognize the limits fixed by the General Committee.

III. In each Conference, the Conference Board of Church Extension.—This "has charge of all the interests and work of Church Extension within the bounds of the Conference." It should see that the amount asked of the Conference is distributed for collection among the several districts and pastoral charges, and carefully examine and determine upon all applications for aid from within the Conference recommending appropriations, *only within the limits fixed by the General Committee.*

INCOME.

This is derived from two sources:

1. *From annual collections*, creating

THE GENERAL FUND.

The amount desired each year for this fund, of the several Conferences, Districts and Pastoral Charges, is indicated to each in the manner above described. It is by the Discipline made the duty of each pastor to "preach a sermon on this subject in each congregation, once in every year, and solicit contributions from each in aid of the Church Extension Society." It is expected that each congregation will contribute, at least, the amount that has been indicated, and that the Parent Society will thereby receive the aggregate amount asked for by the General Committee. The Parent Board keeps an accurate account with each Conference, and each Conference Board with every pastoral charge. The Annual Report of the Parent Society will contain an exhibit of the amount asked and received of each Conference, and that of the Conference Board, of the amount asked and received of each district and pastoral charge. The latter should be published in the Conference minutes.

2. *From special donations and bequests*, creating

THE LOAN FUND.

There are a multitude of cases, too weak to build within themselves, that would soon become strong by building a suitable church If such could be aided by a temporary loan, bearing light interest, they would build at once, thereby securing large increase of strength, and in a few years would cheerfully return the amount borrowed, to be loaned again to others in like manner. To meet cases of this kind the *Loan Fund* is proposed under the following provisions:

"*First*, no part of said fund shall ever be donated for any purpose, or used for current expenses, but shall be preserved without dimunition, a *perpetual fund.*

"*Secondly*, said fund may be loaned to any church or society, without interest, in small sums, in no case exceeding five thousand dollars, or with interest, as occasion may require, the Board shall from time to time determine, in aid of the objects of the Church Extension Society.

"Sums of five thousand dollars and upward, contributed by any one person, church or Conference, shall be named by the contributor, and shall constitute a separate loan fund, and the Corresponding Secretary shall report annually, the investment thereof, and the work accomplished thereby."

In this connection, provisions are made that those who may have means to be devoted to religious uses, but who may need or desire the income from the same during their lifetime, shall receive an annuity equal to a reasonable interest on the amount they may contribute to the "*Loan Fund;*" the said annuity to be paid annually or semi-annually, as the contributor may desire.

If placed here, their means beside procuring at least the ordinary income, will as their representative, be constantly doing a work of the first importance to the church, and under the general provisions for the administration of the loan fund, *will report results every year.*

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APPROPRIATIONS.

Appropriations, by donation or loan, are made upon application by, or in behalf of, the Trustees of the church seeking aid. The application should be upon blank forms furnished by the Parent Board, and *must contain the information therein asked. Appropriations are made only by the concurrent action of both the Conference and Parent Boards and nothing less than this constitutes an obligation against the society.*

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BEQUESTS AND DEVISES TO THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

Persons desiring to make bequests to the society by will, are requested to observe the following form:

I give and bequeath to the "CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, the sum of..... and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof, shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.

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FOR DEVISE OF LAND.

I give and devise to "THE CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH," incorporated by the Legislature of the State of Pennsylvania, the following land and premises, that is to say: (describe land) to have and to hold the same, with the appurtenances, to the said socitey, its successors and assigns forever.

For further information, see Discipline of 1868, p. 247, the last Annual Report of the society, or address the Corresponding Secretary, at No. 1,018 Arch street, Philadelphia.

X. Holston Conference Education Society.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE. 1.—*Name.* This Association shall be called the EDUCATION SOCIETY OF THE HOLSTON CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ARTICLE 2.—*Object.* The object of this society shall be, 1st. To assist in the education of indigent young men who are called to the work of the ministry. 2d. To aid in the education of the children of traveling ministers, members of this Conference, who cannot otherwise obtain the necessary means of education.

ARTICLE 3.—*Officers.* The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and five Directors, of whom three shall be laymen. These shall constitute a Board of Managers and shall be elected annually, and shall hold office one year, and till their successors are duly elected and qualified.

ARTICLE 4.—*Section* 1.—*Duty of Officers.* The duties of officers shall be similar to those pertaining to like offices in other organizations, so far as it is necessary to carry out the objects of the society.

Section 2.—The Board of Managers shall have power to make their own By-Laws, subject to the approval of the society, and they shall select and decide who shall be beneficiaries and the extent to which each beneficiary shall be annually assisted.

ARTICLE 5.—*Members.* Any person may be a member of this society by the annual payment of one dollar into the Treasury. Twenty dollars paid at one time shall constitute the person paying it, or the one for whom it is paid, a life member. Members only shall have the right of voting and holding office in the society.

ARTICLE 6.—*Donors.* Any person or persons making donations to this society shall have the privilege of designating the person, or persons, for whose benefit said donation shall be applied.

ARTICLE 7.—*Annual Meetings.* The society shall hold a meeting annually at the session of the Conference, on the second afternoon of the session for the election of officers, due notice of the same having been given, and shall hold a public anniversary on some night during the session, for which the Managers shall make the necessary arrangements.

ARTICLE 8.—*Amendments and Alterations.* This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the society by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, and voting, provided said amendment, or alteration shall have been recommended by the Board of Managers at one of their previous regular meetings.

Like most of the peculiar usages and institutions of Methodism this society has been organized to meet a manifest necessity. Every year since the opening of the East Tennessee Wesleyan University, at Athens, Tennessee, there have been students, worthy, talented and pious, called of God and the church to preach the Gospel, and thirsting for knowledge to qualify them for the work, who, after a term or two, have been compelled to quit the college for want of the means of support. Others have been able to continue in school only by the assistance of a few persons, to whom their necessities were known. These few persons have denied themselves even the comforts of life that the young men who are to minister at our altars in the years to come, may be workmen that need not be ashamed.

Many others of like character would have been in the University had they been able, and might yet be gathered in if the means were provided. We are now suffering incalculably for want of educated ministers, and unless relief be had speedily the future will confirm, if not indeed increase, the misfortunes of the present.

The second object mentioned, though possibly secondary in its claims, and requiring less to meet its necessities, yet appeals strongly to the sympathies of all who know the sacrifices and unrequitted toils of an Itinerant life, especially in this country, and since the war. It is a melancholy truth that there are children of traveling preachers in this Conference, who, deprived of school privileges during the war, and neither being in reach of them now, nor able to pay tuition and boarding away from home, are growing up in ignorance.

For such, religion and humanity alike demand that provision be made.

To systematize the work of those already engaged, and to enlist the sympathy and assistance of as many more as possible, this society was organized at the session of our conference, in October, 1869.

Its funds are to be expended under the personal direction of the Board of Managers, and only for the purposes named.

We appeal to all friends of education and of the church to help us.

Can you not, for the honor of Methodism, the glory of God, and the relief of the poor in this so important matter, contribute from your abundance at least a few dollars?

Funds may be sent to the Treasurer, Rev. J. S. Petty, or to the Pesident, Rev. N. E. Cobleigh, D. D., Athens, Tennessee.

XI. STATISTICS OF THE HOLSTON CONFERENCE FOR 1870–'71.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				B'TISM		CHURCH PROPERTY.				BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L'c'l Pr'ch'rs.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Val.	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	For Conf'r'ce Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Ch. Ex. Society.	For Tr. Soc.	For Bible Soc.	For S. School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
Knoxville District.																				
Knoxville,	116	1	7	3			1	$25,000			$9 50	$116 32	$14 00	$5 25	$21 40	$5 25	1	21	159	240
North Knoxville,	77	2	40		18	12						3 00					1	12	70	200
Knox Circuit,	203	2	60		3	6	1	1,000				2 50								
Campbell's Station,	281	4	46		12	13	3	3,500				10 00					4	16	295	170
Jacksboro',	337	1	86	1	46	36	3	3,000			12 00	25 00					5	42	180	374
Dand'ge & N. M'k't	387	2	38	7	22	4	5	3,800			1 00	5 60			5 25		4	56	342	810
Strawberry Plains,	388	2		5	15	14	6	5.400	1	400		5 10					6	37	260	570
Little River,	619	13	82	2	41	18	11	2,200									8	56	350	750
Sevierville,	747		115	4			14	17,700				5 30					8	47	305	
Gravestown,	306	4	40	3	1	6	2	1,000	1	500	1 60	2 60		25			4	20	190	356
Clinton,	331	1	40	5	5	7	2	600	1	350	7 00	26 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	4	28	160	250
Total,	3,792	32	543	30	163	116	48	$63,200	3	$1,250	$31 10	$209 42	$16 00	$6 50	$27 65	$6 25	45	335	2,311	3,720
Morristown Dist.																				
Morristown,	136		25		8	7	3	2,000									3	12	150	400
Newport,	183		38	6	18	8											4	15	125	300
Mossy Creek,	134	1	14	2	17		2	700			$1 00	$1 50					2	21	111	347
Parrottsville,	235		27	4		5	3										2	18	120	
Rog'v'e & Russ'v'e,	92	2	9		1	5	1	600				1 00			$2 00		2	12	50	10
Carter's Valley,	286																			
Sneedville,	229	2		11								1 11					4	15	175	300

Rutledge,	346	3	23	4	17	14	6	3,000	1	100		1 50					2	14	100	150
Thorn Hill,	68	3	27	4			3	400				6 00					2	14	35	139
Tazewell,	588																			
Speedwell,	400	1	52	3	7	17	4	2,500			1 00						5	35	175	125
Clear Fork,	160																			
Total,	2,797	12	215	34	68	56	22	$9,300	1	$100	$2 00	$11 11			$2 00		26	56	1,046	1,771
Jonesboro' Dist.																				
Jonesboro',	41					1	1	$2,500				$11 35					1	9	40	
Jonesboro' Circuit,	338	3	31	6	15	14	3	1,500	1	$1.000	$10 00	20 00	$5 00				7	26	185	175
Taylorsville,	327	1	54	2		1	1	300				5 05	1 00				3	25	150	100
Elizabethton,	600		51	7	32	7	4	6,000				15 00	2 50			$13 00	5	45	260	390
Fall Branch,	511	3	75	5	3	15	6	5,000			75	14 45					9	54	353	700
Kingsport,	550		60	1	2	2	7	4,400			2 00	18 00					5	30	400	685
Rheatown,	733	5	80	5	17	40	10	5,900	1	400		75 00	3 00	$1 00	$1 00	1 10	9	86	500	1,000
Greeneville,	100		5		1	2	1	3,500	1	500	2 00	25 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1	15	100	475
Greeneville Circuit,	430	4	6	2	15	25	7	2,000			2 00	2 00					6	25	335	900
St. Clair,	371	5	31	1	14	13	2	1,500			6 15	12 00			2 00	1 00	5	37	500	550
Total,	4,001	21	393	29	99	120	42	$32,600	3	$1,900	$22 90	$197 85	$14 50	$2 90	$4 00	$16 00	51	352	2,820	4,975
Asheville District.																				
Asheville,	181	1	6			1						6 00					3	6	100	100
Burnsville,	218	1	37	1	2	14	1	$25				6 25	$1 00							
Catawba,	180		16	4	7	6	5	500				1 25					4	27	100	260
Trans'nia & Hend'n	311	3	75	3	8	10	3	1,300				7 00					4	15	150	
Sulphur Springs,	174		17			3					2 00	27 00	2 00	$1 00	$1 00	$1 00	3	9	71	100
Waynesville,	356	2	59	9	19	26						22 00					7	50	250	370
Webst'r & Frank'ln	210	1		1	8	8					1 00	2 00	1 00			1 00	1	3	28	30
Ft. Em'ry & Murp'y	230	5	53	4	7	42	4	900									4	31	116	
Buncombe,	78	12	114	1	50	20	3	150				4 00					3	10	80	260
Total,	2,138	25	377	23	101	130	16	$2,875			$3 00	$75 50	$4 00	$1 00	$1 00	$2 00	29	151	895	1,120

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Numbers.				E'tism		Church Property.				Benevolent Contributions.						Sunday Schools.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Val.	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	For Conf'r'ce Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Ch. Ex. Society.	For Tr. Soc.	For Bible Soc.	For S. School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
Athens District.																				
Athens,	118	3	30	4	4	8	1	$2,500			$3 00	$70 00	$20 00				1	18	85	100
Athens Circuit,	384	2	81	2	6	13	4	2,200				20 00	1 00	59		$1 00	3	32	120	120
Philadelphia,	588	3	94	3	55	53	10	2,500			2 00	4 00					4	24	160	160
Mad'nv'le & Tellico	390	4	31	2	21	32					25	50					6	42	180	440
Kingston & Loudon	135	1	35	1	1	10	1	1,200			1 00	20 05	3 00				1	11	45	425
Kingston Circuit,	172	2	27	2	5	1	3	400			1 00	12 00					4	32	125	
Maryville,	566	3	20	1	20	10	5	2,000					3 00				5	30	250	300
Montgomery,	268	2	81	6	36	18	6	850				12 00				1 50	9	44	290	616
Winters' Gap,	167	3	19	5	11	14	1	300			2 00	4 30	1 00	75	50	1 00	2	21	96	120
Crossville,	75	1	30	1		3	1	60	1	$20							3	14	50	
Jamestown,	400	1	94	4	12		1	300				2 00					2	9	60	100
Huntsville,	157	4	28	2	3	4	1	200												
Decatur,	300																			
Total,	3,720	29	570	35	174	166	34	$12,510	1	$20	$9 25	$144 85	$28 00	$1 25	50	$3 50	40	277	1,461	2,321
Chattanooga Dist.																				
Chattanooga,	75			1	1	1	1	2,000	1	$4,000							1	14	90	150
Cleveland,	68	1	1		1		1	3,500			6 50	20 00	5 00	1 00	$4 00	$3 00	1	18	130	350
Cleveland Circuit,	421	7	81	1	42	6	4	900			1 00	5 00	25	25	25	25	5	45	200	250
Ducktown,	98	2	30	2	7	14	2	4,000			1 65	18 50		5 75		2 40	1	10	50	75
Chatata,	430	6	70	4	5		7	3,700				6 00	1 00	1 00			5			530
Harrison,	223	3	20	1	3	10	3	1,500			1 00	5 00				1 00	4	25	265	120
Hamilton,	256	4	31	3	40	35	3	500	1	200	4 00	20 00	1 00				6	29	193	
Washington,	147	2	34	2	10	26					3 00	10 00	1 00	35		1 00	1	7	30	

Jasper,	295	3	15	3	17	13	4	2,000			50	4 00	15	10	25	15	3	15	80	90
Pikeville,	300	2	58	3	8	5	5	600			4 95	13 80	1 50			1 50	6	51	275	600
Tracy City,	175			5													3			
Spencer,	95			1																
Total,	2,583	30	340	26	134	116	30	$18,700	2	$4,200	$22 60	$102 30	$9 90	$8 45	$4 50	$9 30	36	214	1,313	2,165
Hiwassee District.																				
Chattanooga,	142	3	46	5	26	15	1	$2,500				$10 00	$5 00			$1 90	1	8	126	150
Harrison,	365	4	45	4	75	20	8	1,000				5 00			$1 00	1 00	4	15	250	
Sequatchie,	152	2	18	2	8	1	1	50									4	8	75	
Bledsoe,	20			1													1	3	19	
Washington,	72	2	2	2	1	4											2	6	85	
Calhoun,	123	3	37	3	27	20	2	125			25	1 00								
Total,	874	14	148	17	137	60	12	$3,675			$ 25	$16 00	$5 00		$1 00	$2 90	12	40	555	150
Tenn. River Dist'ct.																				
Knoxville,																				
Maryville,																				
Fincastle,	163	2	75	2	15	8	2	$1,000									5	28	218	50
Anderson,	158			3	40	23	2	450				1 35					4	28	244	50
Total,	321	2	75	5	55	31	4	$1,450				$1 35					9	56	462	100
Holston District.																				
Holston,																				
Russellville,	117		40	3								2 15					2	8	50	100
Jefferson,	171	4	6	2	7	12														
Clifton,																				
Claiborne,	30																			
Hawkins,	70	1	12	2		3											2	5	60	100
Greene,	107	4	15		5	56											4	17	137	
Nollachucky,																				
French Broad,	87	1	17		9	29											2	3	44	
Total,	572	10	90	7	21	100						$2 15					10	33	291	200

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Numbers.				Baptism		Church Property.			Benevolent Contributions.						Sunday-Schools.			
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	L'c'l Pr'ch'rs.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Val.	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	For Conf'ce Claimants.	For Missionary Society.	For Ch. Ex. Society.	For Tract Society.	For Bible Society.	For Sunday-school Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
Knoxville,	3,792	32	543	30	163	116	48	$63,200	3	1,250	$31 10	$201 42	$16 00	$6 50	$27 65	$6 25	45	335	2,311	3,720
Morristown,	2,797	12	215	34	68	66	22	9,300	1	100	2 00	11 11			2 00		16	156	1,041	1,771
Jonesboro,'	4,001	21	393	29	99	120	42	32,600	3	1,900	22 90	197 85	14 50	2 00	4 00	16 10	51	352	2,820	4,975
Asheville,	2,138	25	377	23	101	130	16	2,875			3 00	75 50	4 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	29	151	895	1,120
Athens.	3,720	29	570	35	174	166	34	12,500	1	20	9 25	144 85	28 00	1 25	50	3 50	40	277	1,461	2,321
Chattanooga,	2,583	30	340	26	134	116	30	18,700	2	4,200		102 30	9 90	8 45	4 50	9 30	36	214	1,313	2,165
Hiwassee,	874	14	148	17	137	60	12	3,675			22 60	16 00	5 00		1 00	2 90	12	40	555	150
Tennessee River,	321	2	75	5	55	31	4	1,450			25	1 35					9	56	462	100
Holston,	572	10	90	7	21	100						2 15					10	33	291	200
Aggregate,	20,798	175	2,751	206	952	895	208	$144,500	10	$7,470	$91 10	$752 53	$77 40	$19 20	$40 65	$40 05	248	1,614	11,150	16,522

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